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Mr. Dan Olson  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Air Quality Division  
Herschler Building  
122 West 25th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Request for EPA Reference Method 9 Observations on minor sources.

Dear Mr. Olson:

The purpose of this correspondence is to request the use of EPA Reference Method 9 to show compliance of four minor sources. The observations will be conducted by a qualified observer in accordance with Section 3.1 of Method 9 and follow the requirements and procedures of Method 9. Observations will be made on "D" Train Dryer Area Baghouse (AQD #81), Product Silo Top Baghouse (AQD #83), Sulfite Bag-Dump Baghouse #1 and #2 (AQD #s 90 and 91 respectively). The particulate emission rates for these sources are minimal, with #81 at 0.50 pph, #83 at 0.41 pph, and #90 and #91 at 0.05 pph. Therefore, Solvay Minerals requests that EPA Reference Method 9 for Visible Opacity be approved for determination of compliance of both the opacity and pph particulate emission limit. Please advise if this is acceptable to the Division.

Please note that Product Silo Top Baghouse (AQD #83) has not yet been constructed.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (307) 872-6570.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Technician

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Tony Hoyt, DEQ-Lander office